

GOOD TEA AND COFFEE.—What is the reason that a cup of tea made from the best brands is so often insipid, and coffee—Mocha and Java mixed—after passing through the ordeal of preparation presents itself as a nauseating compound? This, too, in spite of the emphatic assertion that the water was boiling, actually boiling till it ran over. Charles Delmonico, an undisputed authority, thus explains the mystery:

"The secret is in putting good, fresh water into a neat kettle, already quite warm, and setting the water to boiling quickly, and then taking it right off to use in tea, coffee or other drinks, before it is spoiled. To let it steam, simmer and evaporate, until the good water is all in the atmosphere, and the lime and iron, and dregs, left in the kettle—that is what makes a good many people sick, and is worse than no water at all."

A MOTHER AT SIXTY-EIGHT.—Mr. and Mrs. William Cork, of Sycamore township, near Glendale, Ohio, says the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, to whom the name of Grover C. has been assigned. The venerable parents are respectively 72 and 68 years of age—not only grand-grandchildren, but can claim several great-grandchildren.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

Knights Templar, Old Dominion Commandery meets every third Friday of each month at Masonic Temple.

Royal Arch Chapter, Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter meets every first Friday of each month at Masonic Temple.

Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 39, meets in their hall, on north Columbus street, every Friday night.

Sarepta Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 46, meets in their hall, on King street, every Tuesday night.

Marley Encampment, No. 6, meets every fourth and sixth Monday at Odd Fellows Hall, north Columbus street.

Mechanics Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 23, meets every Thursday night in Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias meets every Friday night in Pitt street.

Alexandria Lodge, K. of P., No. 73, meets Wednesday nights at Sarepta Hall, King street.

Potomac Tent Rechartered meets in Sarepta Hall every Friday night.

Golden Light Lodge of Good Templars meets in their hall, on south Fairfax street, every Tuesday evening.

Talman Lodge of Good Templars meets every Monday night in Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Junior Order Rechabites meets every Monday night at Good Templars hall, south Fairfax street.

Bridge Council, Sons of Jonadab, No. 12, meets every Monday night at Sarepta Hall.

Juvenile Templars meets every Saturday afternoon at Good Templars hall, south Fairfax street.

Champion Castle, No. 5, Knights of Golden Eagle meets every Wednesday night at Good Templars hall, south Fairfax street.

Alexandria Council Royal Armanum meets in Potomac Hall, north Columbus street, second and fourth Tuesdays.

Relic Haven Lodge, Knights of Honor meets every first and third Tuesday in Potomac Lodge room, north Columbus street.

Robert Andrews Division Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers meets first and third Sunday in Potomac Lodge room, No. 1, meets every Thursday night in Sarepta Hall.

Alexandria Catholic Beneficial Society meets every Sunday night in St. Mary's hall, corner Royal and Wolfe streets.

Young Men's Sociality Lyceum meets every Sunday night in their hall, on Duke street.

Lavette Lodge, No. 11, Independent Order Mechanics meets Wednesday night at Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Alexandria Council, No. 33, Jr. O. U. A. M. meets Thursdays at Washington Hall, King street.

Artisan Division, Uniform Rank, K. of P. meets every other Wednesday at Pythian Castle, Pitt street.

Alexandria Light Infantry meet every Monday night in their Armory, south Royal street.

Conspicuous Veterans meet first Monday night in each month at Columbus Engine House.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meet first Wednesday in each month.

Mount Vernon Court, No. 713, A. O. F. meets every Tuesday night at Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

J. O. B. B. meets first Monday in each month.

Both-End Congregation meets first Sunday of every quarter.

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